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PROGNOSTIC VALUE OF 18F-FLORBETAPIR SCAN: A 36-MONTH FOLLOW UP ANALYSIS USING ADNI DATA

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BACKGROUND-AIM

The Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative(ADNI) provides a unique opportunity to investigate the relationship between β -Amyloid neuropathology and patients' long-term cognitive function change. We examined baseline ¹⁸F-florbetapir PET amyloid imaging status and 36-months change from baseline in cognitive performance in subjects with mild cognitive impairment(MCI).

METHODS

All ADNI subjects who underwent PET-imaging with ¹⁸F-florbetapir and had a clinical diagnosis of MCI at the visit closest to florbetapir imaging, were included. β -Amyloid deposition was measured by florbetapir standard uptake value ratio(SUVr), and dichotomized as $A\beta+$ (SUVr>1.1) or $A\beta-$ (SUVr \leq 1.1). The change of cognitive scores including ADAS11, MMSE and CDR sum of boxes(CDR-SB) were evaluated every 6 months. Mixed-effect Model Repeated Measures(MMRM) was applied to detect the difference between $A\beta+$ and $A\beta-$ subjects' cognitive score change from baseline, adjusting for baseline age and cognitive scores. Clinically significant cognitive change(4 point decline on the ADAS 11) was also evaluated using a multivariate-logistic-regression-model with general estimating equation(GEE) to account for within-subjects correlation. Marginal Odds Ratio was used to evaluate the risk difference for a clinically significant cognitive change among $A\beta+$ participants vs. $A\beta-$ participants.

RESULTS

Of 478 MCI-subjects who had at least one florbetapir scan, 153 had a cognitive evaluation at 36-month follow up. Of those, 79 were $A\beta-$ and 74 $A\beta+$. At 36-month visit, the $A\beta+$ vs. $A\beta-$ group score changed from baseline(LS means 4.03 vs. 0.26 for ADAS11;-2.61 vs.-0.40 for MMSE;1.53 vs. -0.11 for CDR-SB [$p < 0.0001$ all comparisons]). GEE analysis on clinically significant cognitive change showed a marginal Odds Ratio=2.18(95% CI:1.47-3.21) for $A\beta+$ vs. $A\beta-$ groups.

CONCLUSION

MCI subjects with higher β -Amyloid deposition, had greater deterioration in cognitive function over the 36-month follow up, while subjects with no β Amyloid accumulation tended to be stable on these measurements. This finding is consistent with previously published studies.